

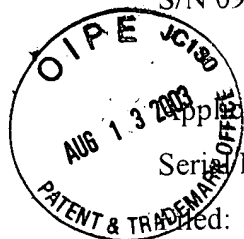
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Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-52 and 59-72) and Species II (...the product of the saturation magnetization X thickness of odd m is **different** from that of even m) in response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement of July 15, 2003. Claims 5-16 and 61-64 read directly upon the elected species, and generic claims are present. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement to the extent of requesting reinstatement of method claims that track allowable product claims.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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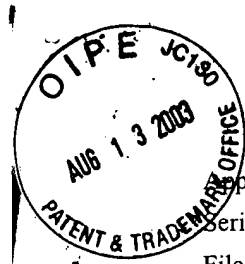
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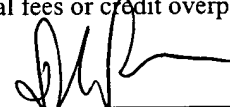
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